

February 4, 2004

Obit: Elsie Jenkins Sivey

Elsie Jenkins Sivey, 80, of Groton, SD died Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at Beverly Healthcare in Groton. Her memorial service will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 7, 2004 at Miller-Huebl Funeral Home, 1111 South Main St., Aberdeen with Rev. Bill Duncan officiating. Private family burial of cremains will be held at Bath Memorial Cemetery.

Elsie Holmes was born May 17, 1923 at Bath, SD to Seth and Nina (Plummer) Holmes. She attended the Bath school and also attended Northern State Teacher's College for two

years. She then taught school for two years.

Elsie married Laurence Jenkins in 1945. They, along with their two sons, Jerry and Keith, owned and operated The Bath Corner at Bath, SD. Elsie loved to sing and did a great deal of it during those years. Laurence's illness caused them to move to Saginaw, Michigan, where their sons had moved to work. Laurence died in 1972 and Elsie stayed in Saginaw and was employed at Bank One. She married John Sivey in 1977 and they continued to live in Saginaw. For ten years she visited nursing homes in Saginaw where she entertained the residents with her playing and singing. John died in 1997 and in 2000, Elsie moved back to South Dakota and made her home in Groton, which she shared with her son, Jerry.

Survivors include her sons, Jerry "J.J." Jenkins of Groton, SD and Keith (Angie) Jenkins of Elgin, IL; her step-children, Donna (Terry) Ross of Saginaw, MI, John P. Sivey of Saginaw, MI; James (Deb) Sivey of Merrill, MI; Barb (Mike) Kwapis of Merrill, MI; Mary Metzger of Little Rock, AR and Lisa Sivey of Sedona, AZ; two grandchildren; eleven step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Maxine Holmes; her brother-in-law, Vern "Bud" Siefkes and many nephews, nieces, cousins and dear friends, including her special friend, Mary Fordham.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, two sisters, Myrtis and Lois and one brother, Jerauld.



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